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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Makoto OTSUKI, et al.

Application No.: 09/720,671

Filed: February 20, 2001

For: DYNAMIC-PRESSURE BEARING AND SPINDLE MOTOR COMPRISING THE
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 13,
2002.

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated June 13, 2002, claims 1-6 were pending and
rejected in this application.

**Claims 1-3 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for lack of novelty as
evidenced by Kloeppel et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,121,703 (hereinafter Kloeppel)**

On page two of the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that Kloeppel discloses a
hydrodynamic bearing corresponding to that claimed. This rejection is respectfully traversed.